



This satellite image of the Louisiana and Mississippi Gulf Coast was taken by the Landsat Thematic Mapper. Lake Pontchartrain is the large body of water to the left of the center. New Orleans is located in the pink area at the bottom, and Bay St. Louis, Miss., can be seen in the upper right.

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